

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1906, St. John Lutheran Church in Selby, South Dakota, was founded with 25 members; and,

Whereas, On July 18, 1918, the first service was held in English on a one-month trial basis; and,

Whereas, During WWI, the church was temporarily closed because the German language could not be used; and,

Whereas, On December 18, 1918, services were resumed in the German language; and,

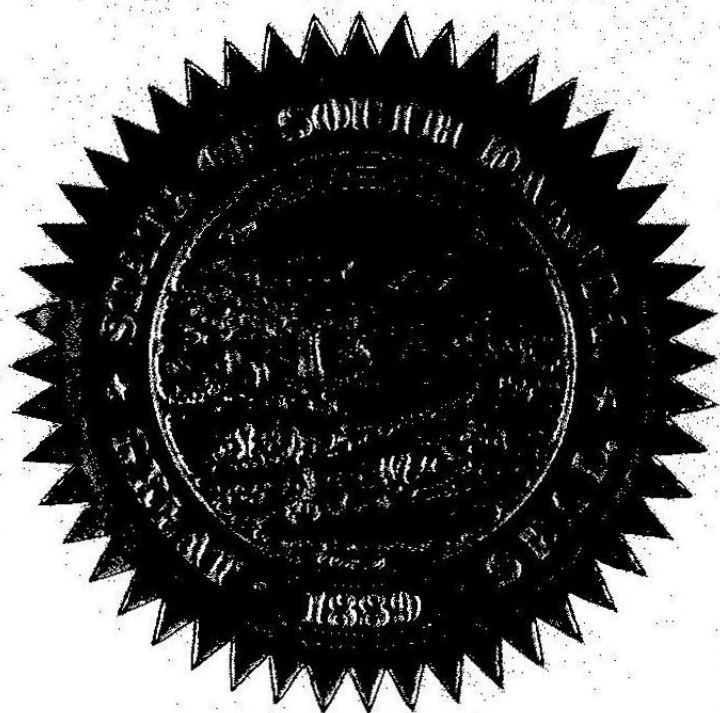
Whereas, St. John Lutheran Church began regular English services in 1935, and presently boasts 406 members; and,

Whereas, The 100th Anniversary celebration of St. John Lutheran Church in Selby will take place on Sunday, June 11, 2006, to give special recognition to the past and present pastors and members of this congregation who have faithfully served and carried out the wishes of the original founders of the church:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 11, 2006, as

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CENTENNIAL DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Michael Rounds".

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Nelson".

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State